## **HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 965**

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Cleveland Grimes of Chattanooga.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Cleveland Grimes; and

WHEREAS, Cleveland Grimes was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Grimes served with acumen and alacrity as executive director of the Hamilton County Water and Wastewater Treatment Authority, in which position he earned the respect of his peers and superiors alike for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, Cleveland Grimes was perhaps most known in Hamilton County for his dedication to youth soccer and his commitment to opening the doors to any and all who wanted to participate; and

WHEREAS, he served as vice president of the Tennessee State Soccer Association and as the longest standing board member of the Southeast region; and

WHEREAS, he played an instrumental role in the creation of the North River Soccer Association; he served as founding member, coached hundreds of youth, and helped grow the association from 100 to 600 members; and

WHEREAS, Cleveland Grimes was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Cleveland Grimes leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Cleveland Grimes, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Grimes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.